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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Syndicated columnist Marquis CHILDS, who through past observations on the American college scene seemingly has established himself as a bit of an authority (he wrote a series of articles last Spring on the Cornell University strife and accurately predicted the demise of Dr. Perkins), has addressed the subject of what lies ahead for the troubled California schools. CHILDS reports that Acting Chancellor Earl F. CHEIT at Berkeley is optimistic about conditions at the University of California. CHEIT, formerly Vice Chancellor at Berkeley, incidently appears from recent press reportage to be much like the popular Chancellor Charles E. YOUNG of UCLA, who has thus far kept the lid on in the south. It is believed that the power play of SDS, the Radical Student Union, and the Black Panthers has disillusioned the great mass of moderates among Berkeley's 28,000 students.

San Francisco State College, on the other hand, presents a pessimistic picture for the coming academic year. Another round of hostilities is expected. The black militants are still at odds over a separate black studies program and the teachers to staff it. Black disaffection with the white establishment is reportedly far-reaching.

The Berkeley Barb, pace-setting pioneer of the underground newspapers, has been sold to one Allan COULT. Reportedly, COULT, a Ph. D. in anthropology, financed the purchase of the paper by teaching this summer at the University of California's Santa Cruz campus. COULT teaches Zen, Buddhism and Yoga. The new Barb owner ventured into the publishing business first as owner of the Berkeley Fascist in order to stop the hate the Barb was spreading.

COULT plans to alter the paper's political image, veering from a marked left-wing bias toward a kind of psychedelic middle. In his first issue (press run of 58,000 plus), the new owner set forth his

editorial policy, which seems almost reactionary after the anti-Establishment diatribes of former owner Max SCHERR (SCHERR, incidently, is now labelled a dirty capitalist by his former journalistic associates for selling, rather than giving away, the paper). COULT says the "new" revolution will ask nothing of the Establishment but, rather, will allow the Establishment to perish in its own greed and corruption.

Although the Barb henceforth will label no one as "pigs", in the thirteen-point policy set forth as goals for the new Barb, COULT seems in near-perfect harmony with the underground press philosophy, manifesting perhaps just a twist more of hallucinosis.

The thirteen nauseatingly constant targets of the new Barb are:

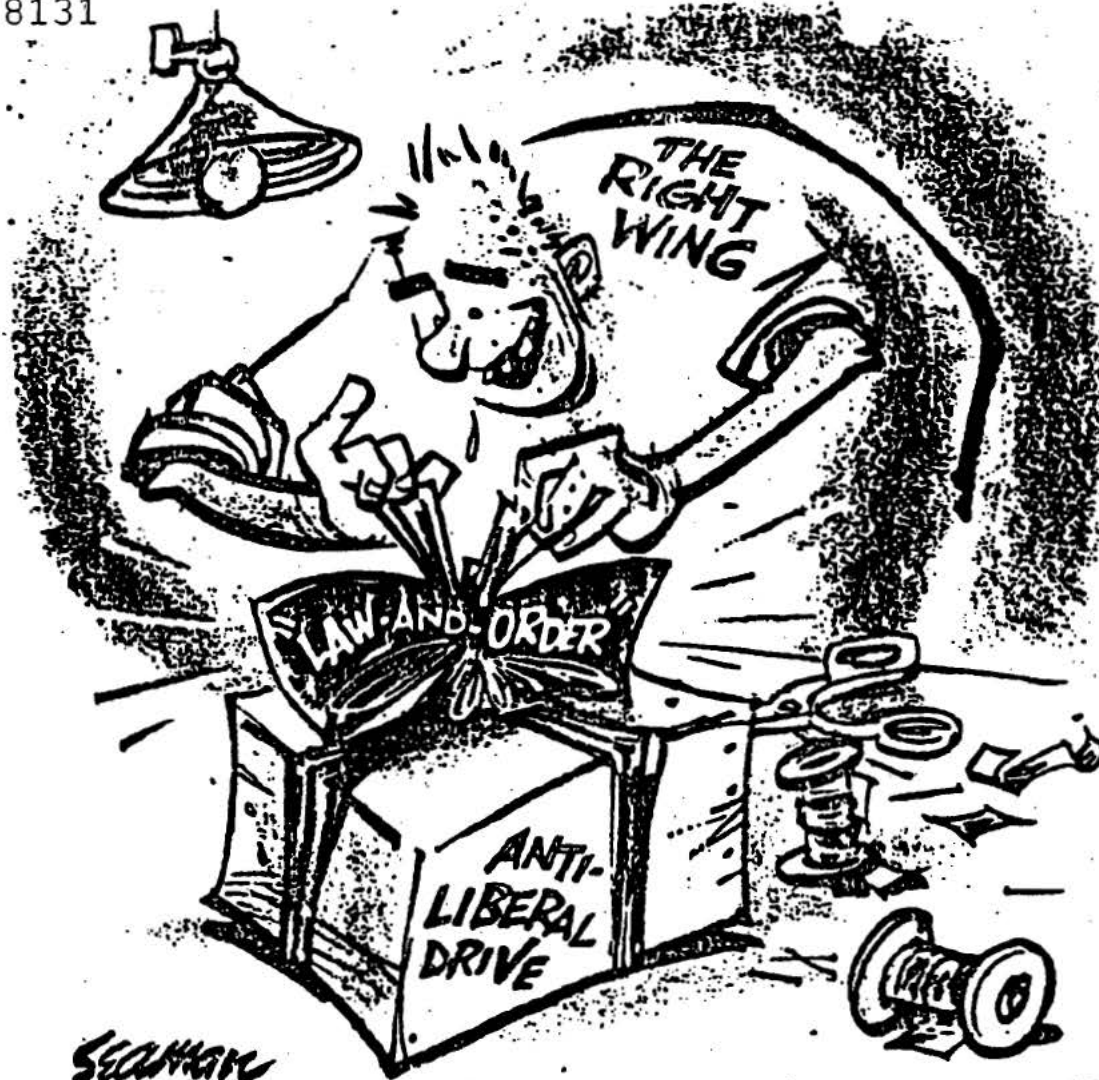
- 1.) End the war in Vietnam. Stop the draft. Empty the military stockades;
- 2.) Turn the military-industrial-educational complex to peaceful uses;
- 3.) Destroy the power of universities and colleges by establishing red centers of learning in order to expand consciousness and to foster Zen and Yoga and meaningful use of psychedelic drugs;
- 4.) Support complete sexual freedom between consenting individuals, and provide true knowledge of the sexual nature of man;
- 5.) Help all oppressed people;
- 6.) Free people from greed, hate, and corruption;
- 7.) Free children from all oppression - at home, at school, and elsewhere - so that the next generation will be healthy, sexual, and enlightened;
- 8.) Support complete freedom of all media;
- 9.) Support the repeal of abortion laws;

10.) Work to provide meaningful vocations where people can use their creative talents;

11.) End unfair taxation, and the taxation that favors the rich;

12.) Free the country from governmental parasitism; and

13.) End hypocrisy.



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Daily World (Communist)
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 SPECTATORS!
 EVERYONE PARTICIPATES
 WHETHER THEY KNOW
 IT OR NOT

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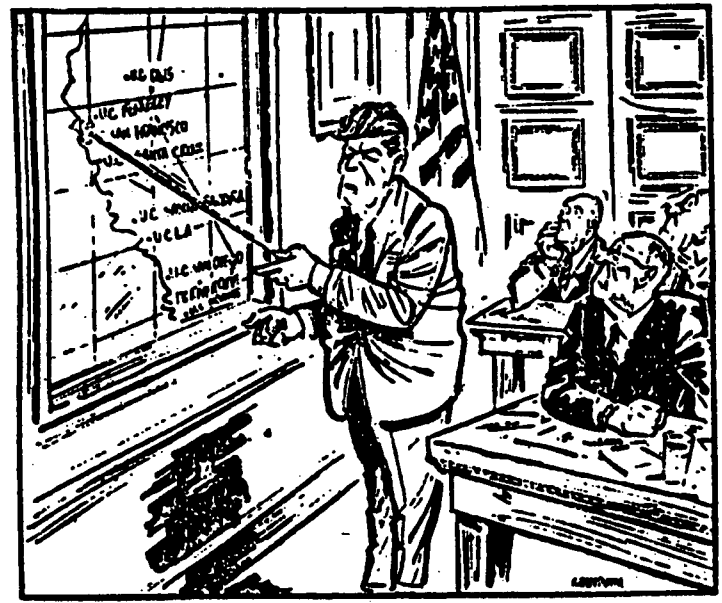


"What worries me as a politician is that the silent center is beginning to pop off."



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"It isn't the military-industrial complex—it's the landlord, butcher, grocer, doctor, car-dealer complex."



"Imagine if you will, gentlemen, a row of dominos."

San Francisco Chronicle

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CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

August 19-29

University of Texas at El Paso, Texas - The National Student Association Congress reportedly will be attended by Tom Hayden and Mark Rudd of SDS, Robert Powell (head of NSA), and Ed Swartz, former President of NSA. Ronald Vincent, President of the Student Action Committee at the University of Texas, El Paso, reportedly has stated that he has obtained information that the Young Americans for Freedom organization is planning to send a "goon squad" to the Congress for purposes of disruption. Some of the NSA meetings reportedly will be held in Juarez, Mexico, particularly those involving militant discussions, in order to avoid "harassment" by conservative elements.

The Third World Commission (TWC) will hold a convention in El Paso at the same time and in conjunction with the NSA Congress. The purpose of the TWC Convention reportedly is to take the first step in organizing a National Association of Black Students to serve black students in a manner similar to the NSA, which some blacks feel "relates" only to white students. The TWC reportedly was formed and funded for minority group students by the NSA during the past year.

August 21-24

Washington, D. C. - It has been reported that the Third Legislative Convention of the Black Extremist separatist Republic of New Africa is to be held August 21-24 at All Souls Unitarian Church, 16th and Harvard Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C. Speakers reportedly will include Representative John Conyers of Michigan and other "United States Representatives."

Another speaker will be Mabel Williams, wife of the group's president, Robert Williams. She recently returned to this country after residing with Williams in Cuba and Peking, China, as Williams is a fugitive from North Carolina, where he has been charged with kidnapping.

August 23

Washington, D. C. - Area Student Mobilization Committee members have scheduled a meeting for 1300 hours at 1029 Vermont Avenue, Room 907. Presumably, discussion will center around planning for the Fall's schedule of activities.

Baltimore, Maryland - The National States Rights Party (NSRP) has been granted permission to conduct a "White Power Rally" at Riverside Park, Baltimore, from 1830-2000 hours, 23 August. The NSRP has also requested permission to use the Park on 22 August.

Buffalo, New York - The Buffalo Coalition to End the War in Vietnam, which includes SDS and other protest groups, is sponsoring an anti-war demonstration.

Utica, New York, and Springfield, Massachusetts: The Rochester Free School has announced a "mass turn-on" at Murline Field, Utica. The demonstration will be co-sponsored by the Brother Christian Freedom Movement, a subgroup of International Conspiracy, Inc. Sponsors want attendance to be so great as to render local police ineffective. A similar demonstration has been proposed for Springfield, Massachusetts, on the same date.

August 23-24

Atlanta, Georgia - An organization called the National Association for African American Education plans to hold a five-day Black University Conference. Many local Negro educators have been invited to the conference, and leaders hope about 5,000 Negroes will attend. Sources, however, believe that an estimate of 1,000 is more realistic. Hugh Lang, a male Negro representing himself as the head of the National Association for African American Education from New York City, was recently in Atlanta to set up the

conferences. Other information received indicates that the National Association for African American Education is headed by Preston Wilcox, described as a militant black activist.

August 25-31

Haverford, Pennsylvania - The War Resisters International (founded in 1929), an international pacifist group, will hold its Triennial Conference, its first conference in the Western Hemisphere. Delegates from throughout the world are expected. The theme of the conference will be "Liberation and revolution - Gandhi challenge." WRI and its American counterpart, War Resisters League, are reputedly sincerely pacifist and usually ineffective. They provide a medium in which some revolutionaries operate.

August 26

Baltimore, Maryland - At 1930 hours, the Black United Front will hold a "political assembly" at the Western District Police Station, Baltimore. The stated purpose of the assembly will be to unify members of the black community in order to protect themselves from alleged police harassment.

August 28

Nationally - In behalf of, and often initiated by, the self-styled "Chicago 8" or "The Conspiracy" (the eight activists indicted by the government for "conspiring to incite, encourage, and promote a riot" during the August 1968 Democratic National Convention - Rennie Davis, Dave Dellinger, Tom Hayden, Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, Bobby Seale, John Froines, and Lee Weiner), a number of fund-raising projects have been undertaken in addition to solicitation of donations from liberals. An educational tag-day was held in the streets of Chicago last June and another, this one a national tag-day, is being planned for August 28, the anniversary of the major confrontation in Chicago.

Extensive legal and propaganda efforts have been undertaken and are continuing in behalf of the defendants. An office has been established in Chicago under the name of the Conspiracy and a number of projects started in preparation for the trial

which is scheduled to begin 24 September. Numerous motions, etc., have been filed by their lawyers, who include such well-known civil-rights lawyers as Charles Gerry, William Kunstler, Lennie Weinglass, Mike Tigar, Mike Kennedy, and Jerry Lefcourt.

August 29-30

*Cleveland, Ohio - SDS is holding a mid-west conference August 29-30 at Cleveland, Ohio. This conference is considered a "kickoff" for fall action by SDS, particularly, the demonstration scheduled for Chicago, Illinois, October 8-11. Groups of SDS members plan to travel to various cities to generate support for the demonstration.

August 29-31

Los Angeles, California - On 13 June, Leroi Jones, the poet and playwright, and other black leaders announced in Newark, New Jersey, that the Fourth National Black-Power Conference will be held in Los Angeles. The theme of the Conference will be "1969 Reconstruction."

August 31

San Clemente, California - During the 17 August demonstration at the Summer White House, Robert Bland, leader of the Peace Action Council, invited the crowd to return on 31 August for another rally to symbolize the establishment of a "free-speech zone" in the shadow of the Western White House. The Peace Action Council expects to be permitted use of a previously denied state park field nearer the Nixon compound than the area of the recent rally.

LABOR DAY

September 1

From the Daily World (Communist):

"A call for a 1969 New York Labor Day demonstration to meet the threat of rising reaction and repression has been issued by four labor and left-wing leaders.

"AFL, CIO groups in New York traditionally stage Labor Day parades only in even-numbered years.

"But due to the ultra-right threat and the growing social crisis, this Labor Day must be marked by a mass demonstration," the call said. It was signed by Louis Weinstock, Painters' Rank-and-File; Jim Haughton, Harlem Unemployment Center; Jose Stevens, New York W. E. B. DuBois Clubs; and Irving Potash, New York State Communist Party."

September 2

Washington, D.C. - A press release made by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, which has sponsored several anti-war/draft demonstrations in the District of Columbia recently, announced that demonstrations will be held in Washington, D.C., each Tuesday by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom groups from different states.

September 7

Washington, D.C. - The Caesar Chavez-led United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, which has been promoting a grape boycott to demand higher wages for grape workers, plans to demonstrate at Washington, D.C., on 7 September. The demonstrators will hold a rally at the Sylvan Theater near the Washington Monument. At the conclusion of the rally, they will march to Arlington Cemetery, where they hope to hold a mass near the grave of Robert F. Kennedy. They are considering inviting Mrs. Ethel Kennedy to be one of the main speakers.

September 11

Chicago, Illinois - Eugene Gladstone, a member of the Steering Committee of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War (main organizer and sponsor of the proposed major demonstration of the Fall - November 15 - in Washington, D.C.), has stated that organizers will visit campuses after school starts in September to develop support for the Fall demonstrations. A militant, but non-violent, demonstration will be held in Chicago to support the "Chicago Eight," on 11 September.

September 15-20

San Francisco, California - A five-day International Industrial Conference (IIC), a quadrennial affair conducted by the National Industrial Conference Board and Stanford Research

Institute (SRI), will be held at the Fairmount Hotel in San Francisco. The emphasis since the first conference in 1957 has been on "Closing the World's Income Gap." The conference will bring together some 500 representatives of major industries, technological, and financial firms like U.S. Steel, IBM, Chase Manhattan Bank, etc. General Conference Chairman is David Rockefeller; Chairman of the International Council is John Loudon of Royal Dutch Shell; and U.S. Council Chairman is Roger Blough of U.S. Steel.

The April Third Movement, a coalition of protest groups at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, which has previously been active in demonstrating against the Stanford Research Institute, has announced that it will sponsor demonstrations September 15-20, during the Conference. The April Third Movement, which is dominated by SDS, is to act as the coordinator for radical demonstrations at the Conference, and Stanford University is to be used as a base of operations. An early estimate is that from 3,000 to 5,000 radical demonstrators, mainly from SDS, will travel to San Francisco for the Conference. The students say the conference "is designed to consolidate the dominion of the multi-national corporations in the third world." The movement has also announced that it will continue its investigation of Government research at both the Institute and the University and will also consider the problem of stopping the University's expansion into nearby areas. Authorities feel there is a definite possibility of violence during the demonstrations.

September 16

Southwest, United States - Mexican-American and other Spanish-speaking youths intend to shut down the schools of the Southwest on 16 September in a demonstration of solidarity and protest on the anniversary date of the Mexican Revolution. According to Rudolpho Corky Gonzales, leader of the Crusade for Justice, it will be a demonstration "to change the whole educational system to relate to our needs."

September 24

Chicago, Illinois - Trial has been set for 24 September for the "Chicago Eight" protest leaders indicted on charges of conspiracy to incite a riot in connection with the disorders at the Democratic National Convention last fall. All eight pleaded "not guilty" in Federal District Court on 9 April. Each defendant also faces charges of crossing state lines to foment disorder or to otherwise violate the Civil Rights Act of 1968. Rennie Davis, Bobby Seale, John R. Froines, and Lee Weiner had their travel restrictions eased but are required to keep the Court fully informed of their movements.

September 27

Chicago, Illinois - SDS is reported to be planning to participate in a demonstration on 27 September in support of the trial defendants, the self-proclaimed "Conspiracy Eight." Other protest activities are being planned later during the trial.

October 6

Bel Air, Maryland - The trial of H. Rap Brown, militant black former head of SNCC, charged with inciting a riot and arson in a Cambridge racial disturbance two years ago, has been set for October 6 in Harford County Circuit Court. This is the second time it has been scheduled since the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, rejected Brown's request that he be tried in Cambridge, Maryland, which was the scene of a riotous disturbance in July 1967 after Brown spoke at a street rally of Negroes.

October 8-11

Chicago, Illinois - SDS leaders and spokesmen are using every opportunity to whip up support for demonstrations to protest the trials of the "Chicago Eight."

On the 8th, a march in downtown Chicago is planned;

On the 9th, the demonstrators intend to move in on schools and universities to "liberate their occupants;"

On the 10th, present plans are to disrupt the court proceedings;

The 11th has been earmarked for a massive march to "shut the city down."

A statement released by the SDS National Action Staff calls for a "National Action in Chicago on 11 October as a way of uniting the youth movement in this country in the fight for liberation."

In a free-wheeling tirade which acknowledges that "while Vietnam is the critical and most pressing issue facing us today," the War is ON - a war against imperialism, racism, and oppression - "that war must continue even after the U.S. ruling class and its occupational troops have been forced out of Vietnam for good."

"...Imperialism, the international system of capitalism, is the greatest enemy of the people of the world, and it is the cause of the War in Vietnam. Serving the people means ending the War in Vietnam as the primary task of the anti-imperialist movement."

After expressing support of the NLF of South Vietnam, and the new Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam, the statement goes on to ask all GI's to respond with demonstrations on their own bases as well as joining SDS action. As with the Black Panthers and other dissident groups, it joins in the growing move to label all opposition to "movement activities" as fascist attacks.

Also, the "October 11 action will be just one step in an out-going attack: off of that action we must build a programmatic attack that reaches everywhere, an attack that makes the slogan 'Get Out of Vietnam' a reality, and builds a mass-based revolutionary movement in this country."

All across the country, radical groups are working intensively on plans for a massive descent on Chicago in mid-October.

They claim that as many as 30,000 students will gather there to protest the war and demonstrate their support for the Black Panthers and for the "Conspiracy 8."

Mark Rudd, newly elected National Secretary by the SDS "national office segment," at a news conference 31 July held in Chicago's Grant Park, scene of many disturbances during the Democratic Convention, stated that, "We intend to return to Chicago precisely because it has come to symbolize what a government held together by force is all about." Offering a little something for nearly everyone in order to swell their numbers, among the demands of the demonstrators will be: Independence for Puerto Rico, an end to the income surtax, and the freeing of Huey P. Newton and Fred Hampton, BPP leaders who are serving prison terms. Rudd said there will be similar demonstrations in other cities during October.

Bill Ayers, an official of SDS, announced that SDS will have militant demonstrations in Chicago on October 11 to protest the trials and that they will "fight back" against the ruling class. He said that the ruling class will have to be stopped through violence. Another speaker invited participants in the demonstration to "get out in the streets and fight."

Bloomington, Illinois - Chapters of SDS at four Illinois universities held a conference on 5-10 August to discuss the platform decisions set forth by the National Committee, SDS. Carrol Cox, a professor at Illinois State University, was elected spokesman. The sixty delegates present at the conference adopted the entire SDS platform. They were then encouraged to have all members of their chapters in Chicago, Illinois, on 11 October for a confrontation with the police. Further, the delegates were told to arm themselves prior to arriving in Chicago.

October 8-11

Chicago, Illinois - Mark Rudd, leader of the SDS, which is one of the sponsors of the massive demonstration which will be held at Chicago, Illinois, October 8-11, to protest the trials of eight individuals indicted for their actions at the Democratic National Convention, was recently in Denver,

Colorado. Rudd stated that the SDS in Denver is "very turned on" to this demonstration and is forming squads to participate in it. He estimated that 500 people from Denver will participate in the Chicago demonstration. He reportedly has met with an official of the Black Panther Party who agreed that the BPP will remain neutral concerning the demonstration and will neither approve nor denounce SDS.

Chicago, Illinois - Bernadine Dohrn, SDS (Revolutionary Youth Movement/Weatherman faction) leader, held a press conference in New York City on 19 August to publicize the scheduled Chicago demonstrations, 8-11 October. The demonstrators will demand the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Vietnam and the immediate release of all black and brown prisoners. Tactics at Chicago will consist of rallies, marches, and demonstrations at the courts and schools.

October 8

Chicago, Illinois - Negotiations are still in progress between the New Mobilization Committee and SDS to work out details for the Chicago demonstration. The Steering Committee of New Mobilization Committee has passed a motion "to continue probing, not only with SDS, but with the Panthers and other groups, the possibility of a coalition for this action." The New Mobilization Committee decided to "participate in the organization, financing, and other facets of the action to the extent that a meaningful form of collaboration can be worked out in which the Mobilization plays a role in making the decisions on the action."

October 15

Nationally - The Vietnam Moratorium Committee, headed by former Harvard Divinity student Sam Brown, a former New Hampshire canvasser for Senator Eugene McCarthy, will attempt to "shut down" all normal University activities for the day of 15 October in protest against continued American participation in the Vietnam War. Mr. Brown also hopes that his organization will in coming months

work with other forces organized against military training, anti-ballistic missile systems, and racism. Mr. Brown states that his organization, which is planning a mammoth campaign, will greatly appreciate assistance from anyone including SDS. The office address of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee is 1029 Vermont Avenue, Northwest (a favorite for radical groups in the D.C. area).

SDS has indicated it will take a major part in this project, called a "moratorium" rather than the more inflammatory word "strike."

*David Hawk of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee has reported that there are active workers for the October 15 school shut-down on 225 campuses and contacts on 75 others. The Student Mobilization Committee will be working with the Moratorium to shut down the schools on October 15.

October 18

San Francisco - At the recent National Conference for a United Front Against Fascism held in Oakland, California, 18-20 July, sponsored by the BPP, registration was conducted for membership in the United Front Against Fascism; and it was announced that the United Front would hold a conference 18 October 1969 in the San Francisco area.

November 8

Nationally - SDS has said that as a follow-up to the 11 October action in Chicago, regional demonstrations will be held throughout the country to make it clear that SDS will not be tricked by "phony bombing halls or troop withdrawals or any games played by liberal politicians." SDS says, "We will not be turned around."

November 13-16

*Washington, D.C. - A national conference on GI rights was announced by the GI Defense Organization in a planning session held at Chicago in early August. Part of the effort to increase GI resistance to the Vietnam War, the Conference will consider proposals including: "The

guarantee of freedom of speech for GI's, freedom of the press and assembly, due process, etc., to servicemen, and legislation to enforce the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment by the officers' caste and their agents." The American Servicemen's Union has asked organized labor to support the GI movement.

*Washington, D. C., and nationally - This Falls's "offensive against the war" has been planned for escalation during this week, culminating with a massive anti-war march in Washington, D. C., on the 15th. Primarily being organized and sponsored by the New Mobilization Committee and the Student Mobilization Committee (controlled by members of the Young Socialist Alliance - the youth group of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party), a Washington Action Committee has been formed as a working committee. This committee is reputedly very broad-based, involving a cross-section of the anti-war movement. An office and staff for the Washington Action has been set up at 1029 Vermont Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. Local and regional coalitions are already being formed across the country.

Planning to date reflects the following:

13 November - The Clergymen and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam will hold a 36-hour "death march" through the streets of the District of Columbia with each demonstrator representing an individual who has been killed in Vietnam.

14 November - The Student Mobilization Committee has called for a national student strike. This may represent a second-round coordinated effort with the 15 October school shutdown being pushed by the Vietnam Moratorium Committee.

15 November - A massive anti-war march in Washington, D. C., designed to get as near the White House as possible "to bring the protest message home to the President."

Douglas Stone, a steering committee member of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, was critical of the planned Chicago demonstration on 11 October. He called instead for a massive demonstration in Washington, D. C., on the 15th of November, and stated that after the 15 November demonstration, there will be a meeting of those who want to stay and "plan other things" for the following day - 16 November.

Planning is not proceeding without some difficulty, it would seem.

The Black United Front, Washington, D. C., notified the Committee that it must pay the Front \$1 for each demonstrator as a "symbolic anti-colony tax." The Front demanded that ten percent of this amount be paid now and that the Committee support the District of Columbia as the fifty-first state. The Front also demanded that its members be placed on the policy-making body of the Committee, particularly regarding the disbursement of funds. The Black United Front later modified its demands and is now insisting that a flat sum of \$25,000 be paid - half within ten days and the remainder prior to the demonstration. The New Mobilization Committee has discussed this demand, but has reached no decision as to whether it will pay. A spokesman for the Committee has stated that it is in debt \$8,000 from previous demonstrations and does not have the money. The Committee planned to meet to discuss these plans as the Front was threatening to disrupt the demonstrations unless the demands were met.

December 1969

Nationally - The New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam has stated that in addition to other proposed activities this Fall, a three-day student strike will be organized in December if the war is not ended.

SOURCE: Government and news media

RELIABILITY: Probably true